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Ministry to which the
day has been allotted : EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The question will be put down for the
sitting on the :-

19-12-2001

SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE MYSTERY

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US papers have shed new light on Subhas
Chandra Bose mystery as reported in the Hindustan Times
dated August 17, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined the report;
and

(c) if so, their reaction thereto?

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You may kindly
handle the question,
as on previous occasions.
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The *Enigma* of Subhas Chandra Bose

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The findings of the first-ever public probe on Internet are before us. Besides indictating that Subhas Bose did not die in the air crash on August 18, 1945, they also throw up pointers to the conspiracies that dogged the great leader during the dying days of World War II.

'Crash was faked, Subhas lived on'

Emilie Schenk-Bose believed the air crash was 'fabricated' and her husband Subhas Bose lived on in the USSR. Strange as it may seem, Indian governments never really supported any probe to establish what happened to him. ...Details

Bose was at Stalin's mercy in 1946

Subhas Bose was present in the erstwhile Soviet Union in 1946! The proof lies in the high-security Paddolsk Military Archive, situated 40 km from Moscow. ...Details

'US sleuths tailed Bose till Russia'

Two of the Indian National Army (INA) greets Col Lakshmi Sehgal and Col Habibur Rehman had information on Subhas Bose's activities in August and September of 1945, but concealed it from the world. ...Details

Subhas alive for Britain in 1946

For one full year after the reported death of Subhas Bose on August 18, 1945 in an air crash, the British were still discussing ways of dealing with him. Lord Wavell recorded in his diary: "If Subhas Bose had planned to go underground, the crash story is just the kind of story that would be put out." ...Details

CIA tracks Subhas Bose till 1964

Declassified documents show that even in 1964, at the level of US Secretary of State, the CIA had reservations about Subhas Bose's death and was mulling over the possibility that Bose might return to his homeland. ...Details



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Wife believed Bose was in USSR 'Crash was faked, Subhas lived on'

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- The latest government attempt to stymie the probe is reflected in Home Secretary Kamal Pande's refusal to share Subhas Bose files with the Mukherjee Commission.
- He says the disclosure of the files will harm public interest, evoke widespread reactions, lower the image of Bose and adversely affect diplomatic ties with friendly countries.
- In 1956, the Ministry of External Affairs told the Shah Nawaz Committee that "...any attempt to visit Formosa (the site of the crash) may well turn out to be embarrassing all round and lead to frustrating complications...."
- The Nehru Government was never in a mood to institute a probe. It was only when the Calcutta-based Netaji Smarak Samiti decided on October 6, 1955 to institute a non-official enquiry that the Shah Nawaz Committee was instituted

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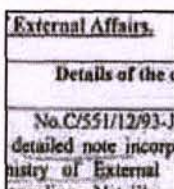
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No. 1098/DS(E)/01
Ministry of External Affairs
(Europe East Division)

Reference enclosed D.O. letter No. VII-11017/13/98-GPA.III dated 25 September, 2001 from Deputy Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs, addressed to Joint Secretary (Pers) regarding Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5686 answered on 2 May, 2000 regarding "Death of Shastriji".

2. The previous papers pertaining to this particular question have been forwarded to Joint Secretary (Coordination) with a request to send a reply to MHA as EE and BOS Divisions have no inputs to offer.
3. This is for your information.

(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)
Deputy Secretary (EE)
29 September, 2001
Intercom: 2219

Under Secretary (BOS)

Copy of information to:

✓ Under Secretary (Parliament), MEA.

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(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)

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ABDUL RASHID
DEPUTY SECRETARY (SECURITY)
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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT ASSURANCE
D.O. No. VII-11017/13/98-GPA.III

भारत सरकार
नार्थ ब्लॉक, नई दिल्ली-110001
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001
Dated, the 25th September, 2001

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to d.o. letter of even number dated 4th September, 2001 from Shri Harminder Raj Singh, Joint Secretary (Security), Ministry of Home Affairs regarding fulfillment of Assurance to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5686 answered pm 2nd May, 2000 regarding the death of Shastriji. The implementation of the Assurance is pending for want of requisite material from MEA.

2. Ministry of External affairs is again requested to kindly look into the matter and supply requisite material/information on the subject to enable MHA to fulfill the pending Assurance.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(ABDUL RASHID)

Shri Ajai Singh,
 Joint Secretary (Pers.),
 Ministry of External Affairs,
 South Block,
 New Delhi.

JS (Pers.) would like to see the pps-please.

PS to JS (EE)

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were sent to JS (EE) by No 25/10/JS (Pers.)/01 dated 6.9.01.

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The earlier paper vide JS (EE) dated 6.9.01. PS to JS (EE) dated 26/9

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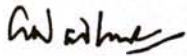
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3. We may once again forward the papers to Joint Secretary (Coordination) with a request that a suitable reply be send to MHA.


 21/6/01
(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)
Deputy Secretary (EE)
21 June, 2001

Joint Secretary (EE)


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Joint Secretary (Coordination)

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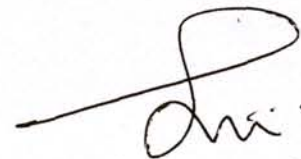
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Reference MHA U.O. No.VI-11016/10/2000-GPA.III dated 25.5.2001 from Ministry of Home Affairs (Security Division) addressed to Joint Secretary (Pers) regarding Lok Sabha USQ No.5686 answered on 2.5.2000 pertaining to the death of Shastriji and US(BOS)'s comments "this is being handled by EE Division".

2. In this connection we would like to state that this is a security-related issue and the EE Division handles only substantive aspects and we have, therefore, no inputs to offer for the question. The reply to this question had already been sent to US(BOS) on May 1, 2000 (copy enclosed for ready reference).

3. We may request US (BOS) to provide the necessary inputs/comments to this question directly to MHA.



[G.V.SRINIVAS]
Under Secretary (EE2)
30 May, 2001
Telephone 301 5311
Intercom 2311

Joint Secretary (EE)

Answer
31/5/01

Under Secretary (BOS)

Ans
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JS (Pers) ✓
US (EE2) ✓

As indicated by JS (Pers) on the attached communication, BOS doesn't any inputs/comments to offer on the subject. All

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Ministry of Home Affairs
(Security Division)

Sub: Lok Sabha USQ No.5686 answered on 2.5.2000 - regarding
Death of Shastriji.

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may please be furnished to this Ministry urgently so that the
Assurance may be fulfilled.

[Signature]
(S.P. SINGH)
Under Secretary

✓ MEA (Sh. Ajay Singh, JS-Pers.), New Delhi
MHA U.O. No.VI-11016/10/2000-GEA.III dated 25.5.2001

*Pl: tell them that we have
noty on the subject; also cannot
co-ordinate. A.C. Sharma.*

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This is being handled by EE Division.

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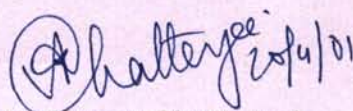
Reference Note No. II/13013/55/2001-IS (D.IV) dated 19 April, 2001 regarding Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy. Nos. S008379 and 8396 by Smt. Ambika Soni and Shri Santosh Bagrodia, Hon'ble Members of Parliament, for answer on 25 April, 2001 "Presence of Netaji in Russia".

2. Inputs from the Europe East Division of MEA are as follows:

Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

3. These inputs are based on answers given by MEA to both Houses of Parliament in the past.

4. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (EE).


(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)
Under Secretary (EE)
20 April, 2001
Tel: 301-5312
Fax: 301-3788

Under Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Attn: Mr. V.P.Bhatia) [Fax: 301-5750, 301-7763]



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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New Delhi, the 19th April, 2001.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy.Nos. S008379
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(V.P. BHATIA)

UNDER SECERETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

To

Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri Anil Wadhwa, Joint Secretary (EE),
South Block,
NEW DELHI.

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PROVISIONAL ADMITTED QUESTION FOR THE
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The question will be put down for 25/04/2001
Answer on the Ministry/Department HOME AFFAIRS
Addressed by the Member(s)

Presence of Netaji in Russia

* SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of Home
Affairs be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that Netaji died in an air crash off Japan's
Tarhoku island in August, 1945;
- b) whether evidence are available that Netaji was in Russia long after
plane crash;
- c) if so, the details thereof?

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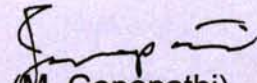
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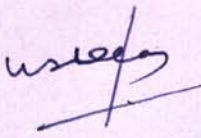
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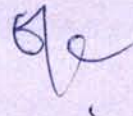
(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary(EE)
March 13, 2001

Joint Secretary(Pers) - without enclosures.

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(M. Ganapathi)


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MHA U.O. No. VI-11016/10/2000-GPA.III dated 9.3.2001

This is being handled by EE Division.

AC 12/3/2001.

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Dy. No. 229 JS(AMS)/01
Dated.. 19.2.01

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Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya
IS-I Division

New Delhi, 15th February 2001

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject :- Lok Sabha Provisional Starred Question Dy. No. 2531
tabled by Shri A.Venkatesh Naik & Shri Ramsheth
Thakur, M.Ps for answer on 27.02.2001 regarding
Commission on Netaji Bose.**

The undersigned is directed to state that Lok Sabha Secretariat has forwarded a copy of Provisional Starred Question Dy. No. 2531 tabled by Shri A.Venkatesh Naik & Shri Ramsheth Thakur, M.Ps for answer on 27.02.2001 regarding Commission on Netaji Bose. The text of the Question is as under:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Asiatic Society, Calcutta has sent a team to Russia to access file on Netaji in 1995;
- (b) if so, whether the Russian Government have not entertained the team stating that there is no considerable official pressure from India;
- (c) if so, whether Government are considering to put pressure on Russian Government to provide said files; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

2. Since the subject matter of the above Question pertains to Ministry of External Affairs, it is requested that transfer of the same to that Ministry may be accepted and Lok Sabha Secretariat informed accordingly under intimation to this Ministry.

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(V.P.BHATIA)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

**Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary)
South Block
New Delhi.**

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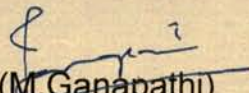
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**Subject: Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1969 regarding
"Forward Bloc demand to Russian President" for answer on
December 7, 2000.**

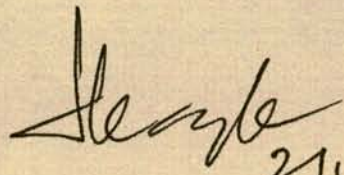
Reference above PQ.

2. Admitted version is at F/A.
3. A copy of the letter addressed by the Forward Bloc to President Putin is at F/D. A covering message from our Mission in Moscow is at F/C.
4. Draft reply (in triplicate) is at F/B.


(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary (EE)
December 2, 2000



Foreign Secretary




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Minister of State for External Affairs (AP)


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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION
TO BE ANSWERED ON
7TH DECEMBER, 2000

JS (EE)

Forward Bloc demand to Russian President

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ANSWER
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(a) Yes, Sir.

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Reference your fax of date regarding oral question in Rajya Sabha for answer on November 22 regarding request by Forward Bloc to President Putin on documents regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Our inputs are as follows.

The Russian Foreign Ministry has conveyed that a letter dated 03 October, 2000 was forwarded by the All India Forward Bloc General Secretary and Member-Parliament Shri Debabrata Biswas to President Putin. Copy of the letter given to us by Foreign Ministry is enclosed. Russian Foreign Office has conveyed that this letter was received by them by bag from their Embassy in Delhi. The Foreign Ministry is currently processing the letter. No further information was given by the Foreign Ministry.

With regards

D.B. Venkatesh Varma
(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)
First Secretary (Pol)
November 9, 2000

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Mr. D.B.V. Varma
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**H.E. VLADDIMIR PUTIN,
PRESIDENT,
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.**

Dated 3rd October 2000

Your Excellency,

I have the pleasure to welcome you to India, the traditional friend of Russia and hope that, your current visit will be written in the history in golden letters.

As you know about our Independence struggle of about 200 years against British Imperialism. Hundreds of patriotic people were sacrificed their lives in the altar of our freedom movement. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the founder of our Party, the All India Forward Bloc played a significant role in our freedom struggle. He was the President of the Indian National Congress in 1938-39 and 1939-40. After that he formed the All India Forward Bloc for left and socialist consolidation.

He formed one Armed force as Indian National Army and established 'Provisional Government of Azad Hind In 1945 at Singapore which was recognised by U.S.S.R along with Japan, Italy, Germany, China and Japan etc. He declared war against British imperialism and he got overwhelming support from all anti - Imperialist forces of the world. It was Part of history.

It was reported that, He died in a plane crash at Taipei Air Port on 18th August 1945. Lot of contradictory reports were published in our country and abroad about his reported death. In 1948 and 1952 the Government of India had been constituted one Committee and one Commission respectively to enquire about this mysterious plane crash and Bose's reported death. In 1978, the then govt. of India and the

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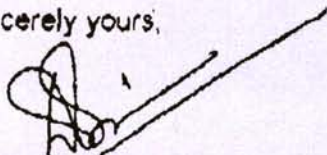
Parliament of India rejected both the reports and opined that there is a considerable volume of public opinion is here in our country and abroad that, there is a mystery behind this story of plane crash and Bose's reported death. In 1999 May 14, the Government of India has again constituted one Commission of enquiry to unravel the mystery behind his disappearance.

We came to know through some Research Scholars that, there are some important documents are lying in the KGB Archives and other Russian Historical Archives about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's activities during World War II, which may throw new lights on this long pending issue of controversy. We may bring to your notice that various scholars of your country have been engaged in some research work on Subhas Chandra Bose and from time to time articles and papers on the subject have been published in various Russian journals. We have studied with interest an article by N.N. Koltsov titled "Russia-India-Perspectives of the developments of the Regions" published this year (year 2000) in the journal "Russia and India", published by the Institute of Oriental Studies R.A.S. Moscow, 2000. While the article deals with political developments starting in thirties, the last paragraph of the article states that unless all archival materials relating to Subhas Chandra Bose's activities in 1945 and thereafter available in Russia are opened for study, real information on the issue of Bose's whereabouts cannot be known.

I as the General Secretary of All India Forward Bloc and on behalf of millions of followers of Subhas Chandra Bose, would like to request you to take initiative to make available all above cited documents to the Commission of enquiry for reach in to a definite conclusion of this issue of national importance.

With warm greetings,

Sincerely yours,



DEBABRATA BISWAS

General Secretary &

Member of Parliament

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1969

TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2000

"FORWARD BLOC DEMAND TO RUSSIAN PRESIDENT"

1969. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- a) whether it is a fact that the Forward Bloc has requested the visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin to give to India the documents lying in the KGB Archives as published in the Asian Age dated 5th October, 2000;
- b) if so, whether Government are aware of the reaction of the Russian Government;
- c) whether Government would extend official presume to this demand; and
- d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of the Russian Federation is currently processing the letter.

(c) & (d) Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

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RAJYA SABHA
7-12-2000

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(Parliament Section)

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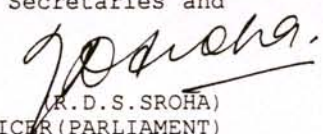
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R.D.S. SROHA)
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04.	4436	1959	Indo-Thai Co-operation to fight against terrorism	SOUTH	JS (SOUTH)
05.	472	1960	News-item on Netaji	EE	JS (EE)
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08.	3277	1963	Passports by Bangalore Passport Office	CPV	JS (CPV)
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12.	4540	1967	Recognition of Hindu religion in France	EW	JS (EW)

13.	23	1968	Reduction of import duty on packaged tea	EE	JS (EE)
14.	558	1969	Forward Bloc demand to Russian President	EE	JS (EE)
15.	2668	1970	Kashmir issue	IPA	JS (IPA)
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17.	4590	1972	Content of US report	AMS	JS (AMS)
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22.	4246	1977	Declaring Pakistan as a terrorist country	AMS	JS (AMS)
23.	4094	1978	NRI's imprisoned in gulf countries	CPV	JS (CPV)
24.	4077	1979	Financial intelligence infrastructure in India	AMS	JS (AMS)
25.	3329	1980	Problem of Indians living in Fiji	South	JS (SOUTH)
26.	3324	1981	Military and Industrial agreements signed with Russia	EE	JS (EE)
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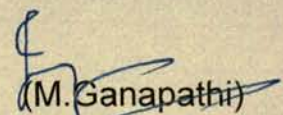
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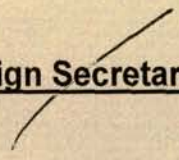
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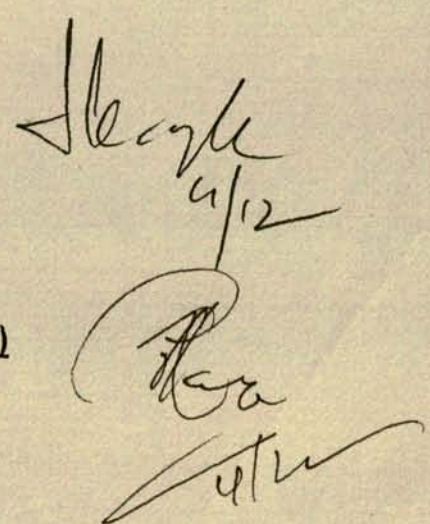
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4. Draft reply (in triplicate) is at F/B.




(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary (EE)
December 2, 2000

Foreign Secretary



Minister of State for External Affairs (AP)


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**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION
TO BE ANSWERED ON
7TH DECEMBER, 2000**

JS (EE)

News-item on Netaji

1960. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government would like to take up the matter with the Russian Government so as to find the truth regarding the mysterious disappear of Netaji; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2000

“NEWS-ITEM ON NETAJI”

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ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that “according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years”. Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that “as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years”. The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that “the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose”.

Soviet papers add to Bose mystery

Researchers find evidence Netaji was alive till at least 1946

Sudhi Ranjan Sen
New Delhi, October 28

HARD FACTS have emerged from Moscow vaults to indicate that Subhash Chandra Bose was very much alive till at least 1946—and that he did not die in the 1945 plane crash as had been given out, and later endorsed by the two Government of India appointed inquiry commissions. So, the Bose mystery deepens.

The new findings are based on declassified documents in the Russian military archives in Paddolsk, and from the British archives. They were discovered by three researchers—Purabi Ray, Hari Vasudevan and Shobanlal Dutta Gupta—working on the history of communist movement in India.

Adding to the mystery are the calls from unidentified persons asking the researchers to suspend all further inquiries and end the

government-funded research. Work on the project stopped shortly, around middle of this year.

When contacted, Purabi Ray, who headed the research, flatly said, "I would like to first depose before the the Mukherjee commission (the third inquiry panel so far), then give out the details."

The Russian archives yielded two precious documents. One was about a discussion Joseph Stalin had with his defence minister Voroshilov and foreign affairs minister Molotov in 1946. The other was a report filed by a Soviet field agent stationed in India, also in 1946



Illustration: Arya Praharaj

The first document quotes Stalin and others discussing plans for the communist movement in India vis-à-vis Bose. And records available in British archives (under the 'declassification after 30 years' rule) show that on August 17, 1945, (the plane crash was reported the next day), Bose had expressed a keen desire to reach Soviet Union to continue the struggle against the British.

Yet another British archive document states that the entire theory of the plane crash, in Taihuku (Japan), was "pre-planned and contrived." Subsequently, a Japanese newspaper—as late as December

20, 1945—reported that Bose was on his way to the Soviet Union and passed through Tokyo.

Just a few days before Stalin and his colleagues discussed Bose, a Soviet agent named V G Sayadyants (based in Mumbai) reported home that "the Soviet Union cannot possibly work with either Nehru or Gandhi," and that the Communist movement in India "is in a disarray." Now, the crucial bit: "Bose is the only hope for Soviet Russia," he concluded in his report.

Further, the two death reports—one from MI2 (a wing of British military intelligence) and the other from the British embassy in Japan, which lent credence to the story that Bose had died of severe burns in the plane crash—have major discrepancies.

While the British embassy report claimed to have clearly identified Bose's body, the MI2 report was "not sure."

The Hindustan Times
22 Oct 2000

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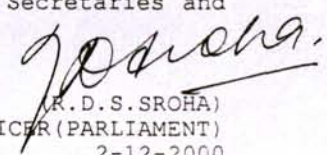
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क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :-

- (क): क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 29 अक्टूबर, 2000 के हिन्दुस्तान टाइम्स में “सोवियत पेपर्स एंड टू बोस मिस्ट्री” शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;
- (ख): यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;
- (ग): क्या सरकार इस मामले को रूसी सरकार के साथ उठाएगी ताकि नेताजी के रहस्यमय रूप से गायब होने की संबंध में सच्चाई का पता लग सके; और
- (घ): यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

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श्री अजित कुमार पांजा

विदेश राज्य मंत्री

(क): जी, हाँ।

(ख): रूसी परिसंघ की सरकार अभी इस पत्र पर कार्रवाई कर रही है।

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Most Immediate
Parliament Question

No. 265/US(EE)/2001
Ministry of External Affairs
(Europe East Division)

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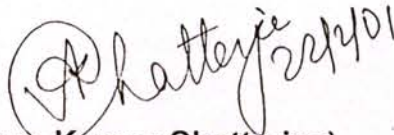
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Under Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
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Most Immediate
Parliament Question

No. 2315/US(EE)/2000
Ministry of External Affairs
(Europe East Division)

Reference note on pre-page by Under Secretary (BOS) on Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5686 answered on 2 May, 2000 regarding the death of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri.


2. The EE Division has not dealt with this subject earlier. Joint Secretary (EE) vide his previous Note No. 4273/JS(EE)/2000 dated August 14, 2000, referred the papers pertaining to this question to Coordination Division as these had been dealt in the past by them. A copy of JS (EE)'s note is enclosed for ready reference.

3. We may, once again, request Coordination Division to furnish the relevant information on this question directly to Ministry of Home Affairs.

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[Arun Kumar Chatterjee]
Under Secretary (EE)
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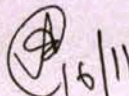
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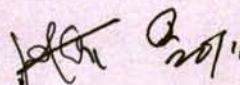

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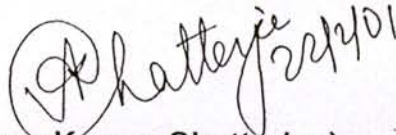
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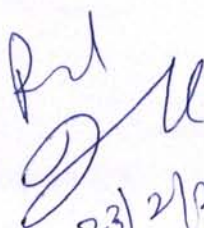
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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. II/13013/102/2000-IS(US D.IV)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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New Delhi, the 9th November, 2000.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy.No. 472 by
Shri P. Prabhakar Reddy, MP, for 22.11.2000
regarding news item "Soviet Papers add to
Bose mystery" appearing in the Hindustan
Times dated 29.10.2000.

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The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of
O.M.No. Rs./SQD/UQD-55/191/2000-Q dated 7.11.2000 alongwith a
copy of the advance notice of Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy.
No. 472 as detailed in the subject noted above and to say that
since the subject matter of the Question concerns Ministry of
External Affairs, its transfer may please be accepted. It is
further requested that the acceptance of the transfer of this
Question by the Ministry of External Affairs may kindly be
communicated directly to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, under
intimation to this Ministry.

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[Signature]

(V.P. BHATIA)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

To

Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV)),
South Block,
NEW DELHI.

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PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT

Parliament House Annexe,
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No. Rs./SQD/UQD 55/191/2000-Q

Dated the 7/11/2000

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:—Advance copies of the notices of Starred/Unstarred Questions.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith an advance copy each of the following notices of questions as given by Members of Rajya Sabha, under rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha:

Starred/Unstarred Questions Dy. Nos. 55, 60, 67, 68, 72, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79,
80, 83, 84, 151, 171, 172, 177, 178, 183, 189, 191, 196, 198, 199, 206,
207, 208, 213, 214, 218, 219, 221, 223, 224, 225, 232, 233, 236, 241, 237,
for answer on 238, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 256,
257, 258, 259, 261, 262, 266, 270, 271, 272, 273, 282, 284, 285, 288, 290, 294

The Ministry/Department may furnish the **FACTUAL INFORMATION**, if any, in respect of the above notices of questions to this Secretariat immediately, with particular reference to the following points:—

600, 606, 607, 608, 609, 612, 615, 618, 620, 621, 622, 641, LK 12,

- (i) whether the information asked for is contained in any easily accessible published document; if so, the particulars thereof;
- (ii) whether the question relates to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of India; if so, the details thereof;
- (iii) whether it asks for information on a matter which is under adjudication by a court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India; and
- (iv) whether it seeks information about matter which are in their nature secret.

In case the subject matter of any of the above mentioned question(s) **DOES NOT PERTAIN** to the Ministry/Department of Home Affairs.

they may urgently take up the matter with the concerned Ministry/Department for **TRANSFER THEREOF AND ITS ACCEPTANCE** by that Ministry/Department under intimation to this Secretariat. The acceptance must reach this Secretariat ten days before the date of answer. The Ministry/Department may kindly **NOTE** that unless the transfer is accepted by the Ministry/Department to which it is proposed to be transferred, the question will remain in the name of the Ministry/Department to which it is originally addressed by the Members and no transfer will be effected after a question is admitted and printed.

S. Ranjan
for **UNDER SECRETARY**

To
The Ministry/Department of HOME AFFAIRS
(Parliament Section),
New Delhi.

NOTICE OFFICE

Dy. No.

Date

QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

मौखिक उत्तर के लिए प्रश्न

QUESTION BRANCH

S. Q. Dy. No.

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P. PRABHAKAR REDDY, M.P.

(RAJYA SABHA)

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To / सेवा में,

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / महासचिव,

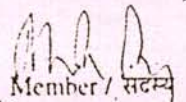
RAJYA SABHA, NEW DELHI / राज्य सभा, नई दिल्ली।

SIR / MADAM, महोदय/महोदया,

Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Questions
 प्रक्रिया तथा कार्य संचालन संबंधी नियमों के नियम, 39 के अंतर्गत, मैं निम्नलिखित प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ जिसका मौखिक
 for oral answer on / उत्तर को दिया जाये।

22/11/2000

Yours Faithfully / भवदीय,


 Member / सदस्य

Division No. / विभाजन सं० 118

Order of preference / प्राथमिकता क्रम

*Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state :

*क्या मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (a) (क) Whether his attention has been drawn to the ~~new~~ news item
 "Scarlet Papers" add to Bose mystery" appearing
 in the Hindustan Times at 29.10.2000;
 (b) If so, his reaction thereto; ~~and~~
 (c) Whether the Govt. would like to line up the
 matter with the Russian Govt. so ~~that~~ as to
 find the truth regarding the mysterious disappearance
 of Netaji; and
 (d) If answer to (c) above is in the negative, the
 reasons therefor?

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Pl. ask MEA to accept
 the transfer.

8.11.2000

Most Immediate
Parliament Question

Ministry of External Affairs
Europe East Division

No. ²³⁷⁶/US(EA)/2000

South Block, New Delhi
14 November, 2000

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. No. II/13013/102/2000-IS (US D.IV) dated 9 November, 2000 forwarding Rajya Sabha Question S.Q. Dy. No. 000472 by Shri P.Prabhakar Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer on 22 November, 2000 regarding news item "Soviet Papers add to Bose mystery" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 29 October, 2000 and convey that the Ministry of External Affairs accepts the transfer of this question.

Encl: As above

(Signature) 14/11/2000

(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Under Secretary (Question Branch),
Rajya Sabha Secretariat,
New Delhi.

Copy for information to:

1. Shri V.P.Bhatia, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (D.IV), New Delhi.
2. Under Secretary (Parliament), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

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The Indian Express

November 11, 2000

NDA unwilling to solve Netaji mystery, alleges Forward Bloc

SANTANU BANERJEE

CALCUTTA, NOV 10

THE All India Forward Bloc today accused the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre of having "no political will to unravel mystery surrounding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's disappearance".

Attacking the NDA Government on the issue for the first time, the AIFB charged the BJP with "hoodwinking the people by instituting a third inquiry commission to probe the mystery."

Party's general secretary, D. Biswas said the British Government "had recently declassified about 750 files and the Government of India made no attempt to take the opportunity". "This exposed the BJP's real intentions about the Commission," Biswas told reporters today.

• He said his party had written to the Russian President Vladimir Putin and expected to get a reply. But the NDA Government was not making any attempt to talk to the Russian government to get hold of KGB archive material on Netaji.

Biswas said, "We will take the issue of Centre's non-cooperation with the Mukherjee Commission set up on May 14, 1999 to the people."

The Prime Minister's Office, External Affairs Ministry, the Union Home Ministry and Defence Ministry are posing hurdles for the Commission by not handing over the files to the Commission.

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Forward Bloc asks Russia for KGB documents on Netaji

BY SHAHID FARIDI

New Delhi, Oct. 4: The Forward Bloc has urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to give to India the documents lying in the KGB archives and other Russian institutes on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's activities during World War II to help unravel the mystery behind his disappearance.

In a letter to the visiting Russian President, Forward Bloc general secretary Debabrata Biswas quoted some Russian scholars as having said that "unless all archival materials relating to Subhas Chandra Bose's activities in 1945 and thereafter available in Russia are opened for study, real information on the issue of Netaji's whereabouts cannot be known."

Bloc asks for documents

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Mr Biswas said his attention was also drawn by some research scholars to some important documents lying in the archives of the Russian secret service, the KGB, and other Russian historical archives about Netaji's activities during World War II which may throw new light on the controversy about his death.

"On behalf of the millions of followers of Subhas Chandra Bose, I request you to take initiative to make available the important documents to the commission set up by the government of India to probe into the disappearance of Netaji," Mr Biswas said.

The Forward Bloc is part of the ruling Left Front in West Bengal. It was formed by Subhas Chandra Bose before Independence.

The present leadership of the Forward Bloc has been working hard to unravel the mystery behind Netaji's disappearance. It was under pressure from this party that the present Union government had constituted a commission on May 14, 1999 to probe into Netaji's "death."

Mr Biswas told Mr Putin that a "lot of contradictory reports were published in our country and abroad about Netaji's reported death. It was reported that he died in a plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945. We request you to help us bring out the truth about his disappearance."

The Forward Bloc leaders had sought an appointment with the Russian President but for his busy schedule he could not give them time. They sent their plea to the President through the Russian ambassador.

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FAX

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Reference your fax of date regarding oral question in Rajya Sabha for answer on November 22 regarding request by Forward Bloc to President Putin on documents regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Our inputs are as follows.

The Russian Foreign Ministry has conveyed that a letter dated 03 October, 2000 was forwarded by the All India Forward Bloc General Secretary and Member-Parliament Shri Debabrata Biswas to President Putin. Copy of the letter given to us by Foreign Ministry is enclosed. Russian Foreign Office has conveyed that this letter was received by them by bag from their Embassy in Delhi. The Foreign Ministry is currently processing the letter. No further information was given by the Foreign Ministry.

Katherine Segars

(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)
First Secretary (Pol)
November 9, 2000

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Attn.
Mr. D.B.V. Varma
Secretary

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H.E. VLADDIMIR PUTIN,
PRESIDENT,
THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

Dated 3rd October 2000

Your Excellency,

I have the pleasure to welcome you to India, the traditional friend of Russia and hope that, your current visit will be written in the history in golden letters.

As you know about our independence struggle of about 200 years against British Imperialism. Hundreds of patriotic people were sacrificed their lives in the altar of our freedom movement. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the founder of our Party, the All India Forward Bloc played a significant role in our freedom struggle. He was the President of the Indian National Congress in 1938-39 and 1939-40. After that he formed the All India Forward Bloc for left and socialist consolidation.

He formed one Armed force as Indian National Army and established 'Provisional Government of Azad Hind In 1945 at Singapore which was recognised by U.S.S.R along with Japan, Italy, Germany, China and Japan etc. He declared war against British imperialism and he got overwhelming support from all anti - imperialist forces of the world. It was Part of history.

It was reported that, He died in a plane crash at Taipei Air Port on 18th August 1945. Lot of contradictory reports were published in our country and abroad about his reported death. In 1948 and 1952 the Government of India had been constituted one Committee and one Commission respectively to enquire about this mysterious plane crash and Bose's reported death. In 1978, the then govt. of India and the

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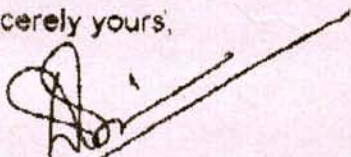
Parliament of India rejected both the reports and opined that there is a considerable volume of public opinion is there in our country and abroad that, there is a mystery behind this story of plane crash and Bose's reported death. In 1999 May 14, the Government of India has again constituted one Commission of enquiry to unravel the mystery behind his disappearance.

We came to know through some Research Scholars that, there are some important documents are lying in the KGB Archives and other Russian Historical Archives about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's activities during World War II, which may throw new lights on this long pending issue of controversy. We may bring to your notice that various scholars of your country have been engaged in some research work on Subhas Chandra Bose and from time to time articles and papers on the subject have been published in various Russian journals. We have studied with interest an article by N.N. Koltsov titled "Russia-India-Perspectives of the developments of the Regions" published this year(year 2000) in the journal "Russia and India", published by the Institute of Oriental Studies R.A.S.Moscow, 2000. While the article deals with political developments starting in thirties, the last paragraph of the article states that unless all archival materials relating to Subhas Chandra Bose's activities in 1945 and thereafter available in Russia are opened for study, real information on the issue of Bose's whereabouts cannot be known.

I as the General Secretary of All India Forward Bloc and on behalf of millions of followers of Subhas Chandra Bose, would like to request you to take initiative to make available all above cited documents to the Commission of enquiry for reach in to a definite conclusion of this issue of national importance.

With warm greetings,

Sincerely yours,



DEBABRATA BISWAS

General Secretary &

Member of Parliament

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Reference your fax message of 09 November regarding question for oral answer in Rajya Sabha on November 22, 2000 regarding news item "Soviet papers add to Bose mystery" appeared in The Hindustan Times dated 29 October, 2000. The news clipping is enclosed. Mission had conveyed material vide fax messages of Shri Arun K. Singh, Minister (Political) to Joint Secretary (EE) dated 18 February, 21 February, 23 February, 24 February and 25 February, 2000. The Mission does not have in its record any further material.

With regards,

D.B. Venkatesh Varma
(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)
First Secretary (Pol)
November 10, 2000

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Soviet papers add to Bose mystery

Researchers find evidence Netaji was alive till at least 1946

Sudhi Ranjan Sen
New Delhi, October 28

HARD FACTS have emerged from Moscow vaults to indicate that Subhash Chandra Bose was very much alive till at least 1946 - and that he did not die in the 1945 plane crash as had been given out, and later endorsed by the two Government of India appointed inquiry commissions. So, the Bose mystery deepens.

The new findings are based on declassified documents in the Russian military archives in Paddolsk, and from the British archives. They were discovered by three researchers—Purabi Ray, Hari Vasudevan and Shobanlal Dutta Gupta—working on the history of communist movement in India.

Adding to the mystery are the calls from unidentified persons asking the researchers to suspend all further inquiries and end the

government-funded research. Work on the project stopped shortly, around middle of this year.

When contacted, Purabi Ray, who headed the research, flatly said, "I would like to first depose before the the Mukherjee commission (the third inquiry panel so far), then give out the details."

The Russian archives yielded two precious documents. One was about a discussion Joseph Stalin had with his defence minister Voroshilov and foreign affairs minister Molotov in 1946. The other was a report filed by a Soviet field agent stationed in India, also in 1946



Illustration: Arya Praharaj

The first document quotes Stalin and others discussing plans for the communist movement in India vis-à-vis Bose. And records available in British archives (under the 'declassification after 30 years' rule) show that on August 17, 1945, (the plane crash was reported the next day), Bose had expressed a keen desire to reach Soviet Union to continue the struggle against the British.

Yet another British archive document states that the entire theory of the plane crash, in Taihuku (Japan), was "pre-planned and contrived." Subsequently, a Japanese newspaper—as late as December

20, 1945—reported that Bose was on his way to the Soviet Union and passed through Tokyo.

Just a few days before Stalin and his colleagues discussed Bose, a Soviet agent named V G Sayadyants (based in Mumbai) reported home that "the Soviet Union cannot possibly work with either Nehru or Gandhi," and that the Communist movement in India "is in a disarray." Now, the crucial bit: "Bose is the only hope for Soviet Russia," he concluded in his report.

Further, the two death reports—one from MI2 (a wing of British military intelligence) and the other from the British embassy in Japan, which lent credence to the story that Bose had died of severe burns in the plane crash—have major discrepancies.

While the British embassy report claimed to have clearly identified Bose's body, the MI2 report was "not sure."

The Hindustan Times
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PARLIAMENT QUESTION

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First Secretary (Pol) from Joint Secretary (EE)

Reference our telephone conversation.

2. Notice has been received of the following questions for Oral Answer in the Rajya Sabha on November 22, 2000:

Quote

- a. Whether it is a fact that as reported in The Asian Age dated 5/10/2000, the Forward Bloc has requested the visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin to give to India the documents lying in the KGB Archives;
- b. if so, whether the Govt. is aware of the reaction of the Russian Govt.; and
- c. whether the Govt. of India would extend official pressure to this demand and if not, the reasons therefor?

Unquote

3. Shall be extremely grateful for inputs by 1600 hrs IST tomorrow November 10, 2000 to enable us to send facts to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat urgently.

(M. Ganapathi)

Joint Secretary (EE)
November 9, 2000

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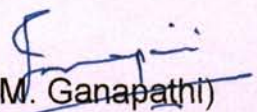
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Quote

- a. Whether his attention has been drawn to the news item "Soviet Papers add to Bose mystery" appearing in The Hindustan Times dt. 29/10/2000;
- b. if so, his reaction thereto;
- c. whether the Govt. would like to take up the matter with the Russian Govt. so as to find the truth regarding the mysterious disappearance of Netaji; and
- d. if answer to (c) above is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

Unquote

3. Shall be extremely grateful for urgent inputs by 1600 hrs IST tomorrow November 10, 2000 to enable us to send facts to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat urgently.


(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary (EE)
November 9, 2000

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Reference Parliament provisionally admitted Starred Question for answer in the Lok Sabha on "Document on Nctaji".

Mission had conveyed material vide fax messages of Shri Arun K. Singh, Minister (Political) to Joint Secretary (EE) dated 18 February, 21 February, 23 February, 24 February and 25 February, 2000. The Mission does not have in its record any further material, including regarding any 'document'.

Vide our fax message dated 09 November we had conveyed to the Ministry that Russian Foreign Ministry had received a letter dated 03 October, 2000 forwarded by the All India Forward Bloc General Secretary and Member-Parliament Shri Debabrata Biswas which was addressed to President Putin. Russian Foreign Office has conveyed that this letter was received by them by bag from their Embassy in Delhi. The Foreign Ministry is currently processing the letter. No further information was given by the Foreign Ministry.

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With regards

D.B. Venkatesh Varma
(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)
First Secretary (Pol)
November 16, 2000

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MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. /JS(EE)/2000
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(EUROPE EAST DIVISION)

South Block, New Delhi
14 November, 2000

Office Memorandum

Reference Rajya Sabha OM No. RS/SQD/UQD-55/191/2000-Q dated November 7, 2000 and Ministry of Home Affairs OM No.II/13013/102/2000-IS(USD.IV) dated November 9, 2000 forwarding question Dy.No.472 from Shri P.Prabhakar Reddy, Hon'ble MP, for oral answer on November 22, 2000.

2. The facts pertaining to the above Question are as follows:

The Government have seen the news items "Soviet papers add to Bose mystery" as appearing in the Hindustan Times dated October 29, 2000. Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

3. The Ministry has no objection to the above facts being brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

(M.Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary (EE)
Ph: 301-5061

**Under Secretary (Question Branch),
Rajya Sabha Secretariat,
Parliament House Annexe,
New Delhi-110001.**

Copy to: Under Secretary (Parliament), MEA.

PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. II/13013/103/2000-IS(US D.IV)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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New Delhi, the 9th November, 2000.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject : Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy.No. 558 by
Shri Karnendu Bhattacharjee, MP, for 22.11.2000
regarding report in the Asian Age dated 5.10.2000
that the Forward Block has requested the visiting
Russian President Vladimir Putin to give to India
the documents lying in the KGB Archives.

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The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of O.M.No. Rs./SQD/UQD-55/191/2000-Q dated 7.11.2000 alongwith a copy of the advance notice of Rajya Sabha Starred Question Dy. No. 558 as detailed in the subject noted above and to say that since the subject matter of the Question concerns Ministry of External Affairs, its transfer may please be accepted. It is further requested that the acceptance of the transfer of this Question by the Ministry of External Affairs may kindly be communicated directly to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, under intimation to this Ministry.

(V.P. BHATIA)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Ministry of External Affairs,
(Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV),
South Block,
NEW DELHI.

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**PARLIAMENT OF INDIA
RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT**

Parliament House Annexe,
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:—Advance copies of the notices of Starred/Unstarred Questions.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith an advance copy each of the following notices of questions as given by Members of Rajya Sabha, under rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Rajya Sabha:

Starred/Unstarred Questions Dy. Nos. 55, 60, 67, 68, 72, 73, 76, 77, 78, 79,
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The Ministry/Department may furnish the **FACTUAL INFORMATION**, if any, in respect of the above notices of questions to this Secretariat immediately, with particular reference to the following points:—
600, 606, 607, 608, 609, 612, 615, 618, 620, 621, 622, 641, 643, 12,

- (i) whether the information asked for is contained in any easily accessible published document; if so, the particulars thereof;
- (ii) whether the question relates to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of India; if so, the details thereof;
- (iii) whether it asks for information on a matter which is under adjudication by a court of law having jurisdiction in any part of India; and
- (iv) whether it seeks information about matter which are in their nature secret.

In case the subject matter of any of the above mentioned question(s) DOES NOT PERTAIN to the Ministry/Department of Home Affairs they may urgently take up the matter with the concerned Ministry/Department for **TRANSFER THEREOF AND ITS ACCEPTANCE** by that Ministry/Department under intimation to this Secretariat. The acceptance must reach this Secretariat ten days before the date of answer. The Ministry/Department may kindly **NOTE** that unless the transfer is accepted by the Ministry/Department to which it is proposed to be transferred, the question will remain in the name of the Ministry/Department to which it is originally addressed by the Members and no transfer will be effected after a question is admitted and printed.

S. Ranjan
for **UNDER SECRETARY**

To

The Ministry/Department of HOME AFFAIRS
(Parliament Section),
New Delhi.

RAJYA SABHA / राज्य सभा
QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER
मौखिक उत्तर के लिए प्रश्न

QUESTION BRANCH:
S. Q. Dy. No.
Date 000558

Place / स्थान
Date / दिनांक

FROM / प्रेषक

KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE

M.P./संसद सदस्य

To / सेवा में,

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / महासचिव,

RAJYA SABHA, NEW DELHI / राज्य सभा, नई दिल्ली।

SIR / MADAM, महोदय/महोदया,

Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Questions प्रक्रिया तथा कार्य संचालन संबंधी नियमों के नियम, 39 के अंतर्गत, मैं निम्नलिखित प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ जिसका मौखिक for oral answer on / उत्तर को दिया जाये।

Yours faithfully / भवदीय,

Member / सदस्य

Division No. / विभाजन सं.

Order of preference / प्राथमिकता क्रम

*Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state :
*क्या मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(a) (क) Whether it is a fact that as reported in the Asian Age of 5/10/2000, the Forward Bloc has requested the visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin to give to India the documents lying in the KGB Archives;

(b) if so, whether the Govt. is aware of the reaction of the Russian Govt.; and

(c) whether the Govt. would extend special facilities to this demand and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MEA to accept the transfer. 8-11

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Forward Bloc asks Russia for KGB documents on Netaji

By SHAHID FARIDI

New Delhi, Oct. 4: The Forward Bloc has urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to give to India the documents lying in the KGB archives and other Russian institutes on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's activities during World War II to help unravel the mystery behind his disappearance.

In a letter to the visiting Russian President, Forward Bloc general secretary Debabrata Biswas quoted some Russian scholars as having said that "unless all archival materials relating to Subhas Chandra Bose's activities in 1945 and thereafter available in Russia are opened for study, real information on the issue of

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Bloc asks for documents

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Bose's whereabouts cannot be known."

Mr Biswas said his attention was also drawn by some research scholars to some important documents lying in the archives of the Russian secret service, the KGB, and other Russian historical archives about Netaji's activities during World War II which may throw new light on the controversy about his death.

"On behalf of the millions of followers of Subhas Chandra Bose, I request you to take initiative to make available the important documents to the commission set up by the government of India to probe into the disappearance of Netaji," Mr Biswas said.

The Forward Bloc is part of the ruling Left Front in West Bengal. It was formed by Subhas Chandra Bose before Independence.

The present leadership of the Forward Bloc has been working hard to unravel the mystery behind Netaji's disappearance. It was under pressure from this party that the present Union government had constituted a commission on May 14, 1999 to probe into Netaji's "death."

Mr Biswas told Mr Putin that a "lot of contradictory reports were published in our country and abroad about Netaji's reported death. It was reported that he died in a plane crash off Taipei on August 18, 1945. We request you to help us bring out the truth about his disappearance."

The Forward Bloc leaders had sought an appointment with the Russian President but for his busy schedule he could not give them time. They sent their plea to the President through the Russian ambassador.

Most Immediate
Parliament Question

Ministry of External Affairs
Europe East Division

No. 2377 /US(EA)/2000

South Block, New Delhi
14 November, 2000

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. No. II/13013/103/2000-IS (US D.IV) dated 9 November, 2000 forwarding Rajya Sabha Question S.Q. Dy. No. 000558 by Shri Karnendu Bhattacharjee, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for answer on 22 November, 2000 regarding report in the Asian Age dated 5 October, 2000 that the Forward Bloc has requested the visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin to give to India the documents lying in the KGB Archives and convey that the Ministry of External Affairs accepts the transfer of this question.

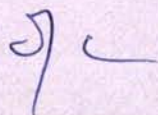
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(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Under Secretary (Question Branch),
Rajya Sabha Secretariat,
New Delhi.



Copy for information to:

1. Shri V.P.Bhatia, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (D.IV), New Delhi.
2. Under Secretary (Parliament), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

MOST IMMEDIATE
PARLIAMENT QUESTION

No. /JS(EE)/2000
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(EUROPE EAST DIVISION)

South Block, New Delhi
14 November, 2000

Office Memorandum

Reference Rajya Sabha OM No. RS/SQD/UQD-55/191/2000-Q dated November 7, 2000 and Ministry of Home Affairs OM No.II/13013/103/2000-IS(USD.IV) dated November 9, 2000 forwarding question Dy. No. 000558 from Shri Kamendu Bhattacharjee, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, for oral answer on November 22, 2000.

2. The facts pertaining to the above Question are as follows:

The Government have seen the news report in the Asian Age dated 5 October, 2000 regarding request from the Forward Bloc to the President of the Russian Federation, H.E. Mr. Vladimir Putin, during his State Visit to India from October 2-5, 2000. The letter is under the examination of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the past, attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

3. The Ministry has no objection to the above facts being brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

(M.Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary (EE)
Ph: 301-5061

Under Secretary (Question Branch),
Rajya Sabha Secretariat,
Parliament House Annexe,
New Delhi-110001.

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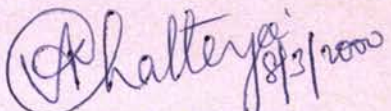
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(EUROPE EAST DIVISION)

Reference Note No. 9-1/2000-A&A dated 6 March 2000 pertaining to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question D. No. 1062 from Shri Tufani Saroj, Hon'ble MP, regarding "Research on Netaji".

2. The inputs from the Europe East Division are as follows:

Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

3. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (EE).


(Arun Kumar Chatterjee)
Under Secretary (EE)
8 March, 2000
Tel: 301-5312
Fax: 301-3788

Shri B.P.Singh,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi. [Fax: 338-3185, 338-2907]

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**Most Immediate
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By FAX**

No. 9-1/2000-AAA
Government of India
Ministry of Culture, Ya & Sports
Department of Culture

New Delhi, the 6th March' 2000.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question NO.2192 for
answer on 9.3.2000 regarding "Research on
Netaji."

The undersigned is directed to enclose
herewith a copy of the aforesaid Parliament Question and
to request the M/o External Affairs to furnish
information, if any, with them in connection with the
Parliament question to enable this Ministry to draft a
reply. The information may be sent in written by FAX.

Encl. as above

B.P. Singh
(B.P. Singh)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
Tel 3384867

Shri A.K. Chatterjee, Under Secy (EE)
M/o External Affairs,
South Block
New Delhi

Inputs have been
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QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA

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D.No. 1062

Ministry to which the
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The question will be put down for the
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09-03-2000

RESEARCH ON NETAJI

SHRI TUFANI SAROJ:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have urged Russia to open its archives to assist Indian scholars doing research on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Russia thereto;
- (c) whether the Government are making arrangements to send some scholars to do research on Netaji; and
- (d) if so, the facilities likely to be provided to them?

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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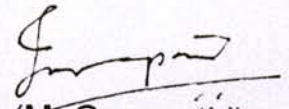
March 9, 2000

Dear Ravi,

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Unstarred Question No. 1092 answered by EAM in the Lok Sabha on 'Research on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose' as laid on the table of the House. This is for your information and record.

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely


(M. Ganapathi)

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Shri N. Ravi,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India,
Moscow.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/03/2000**

RESEARCH ON NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

1092. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have requested the Russian Government to open the archives to Indian scholars researching on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have received any response from the Russian Government in this regard;
- (c) whether some of the documents concerning Netaji kept under the custody of the U.K. Government are still denied access to scholars;
- (d) if so, whether the Government have moved the concerned authorities to open up such papers to those who would like to go through these papers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

(c), (d) & (e) The British Government have informed that "virtually all British records relating to Subhash Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library". The British Government have further informed that "the only papers which remain closed are: (i) a few papers in the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies that do not add to the substantive account in the Indian Political Intelligence organisation collection; and (ii) one paper from the Indian Political Intelligence organisation collection which is retained on grounds of continuing personal sensitivity".

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अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 1092

श्री मोइनुल, हसन:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या सरकार ने रूस की सरकार से उसके अभिलेखागार को नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस पर शोध-कार्य कर रहे भारतीयों के लिए खोलने का आग्रह किया है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में रूस की सरकार से कोई उत्तर मिला है;
- (ग) क्या ब्रिटिश सरकार के पास मौजूद नेताजी से संबंधित कुछ दस्तावेजों को इन शोधकर्ताओं को देने से अब भी मना किया जा रहा है;
- (घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने संबंधित प्राधिकारियों से इन दस्तावेजों को उन व्यक्तियों को दिखाने के लिए बातचीत की जो उन्हें देखना चाहेंगे; और
- (ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

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(क) और (ख) सरकारी स्तर पर रूसी सरकार के साथ यह पता लगाने के प्रयास किये गये हैं कि क्या नेताजी से संबंधित कुछ दस्तावेज उनके पास हैं; प्रत्युत्तर में 8 जनवरी, 1992 को रूस के विदेश मंत्रालय ने हमें सूचित किया कि 'सेन्द्रल और रिपब्लिकन अभिलेखागार के डेटा के अनुसार भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस के भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के 1945 और बाद के वर्षों में यहाँ ठहरने से संबंधित कोई जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है'। तत्पश्चात् 27 सितम्बर, 1995 को रूसी परिसंघ के विदेश मंत्रालय ने सूचित किया कि रूसी संघीय सुरक्षा सेवा की केन्द्रीय पुरातत्व संग्रहण तथा आधुनिक इतिहास से संबंधित रिटेंशन एण्ड पर्सुअल ऑफ डॉकुमेन्ट्स द्वारा की गयी जांच के परिणामस्वरूप 1945 में और बाद के वर्षों में भूतपूर्व यू एस एस आर के क्षेत्र में सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के ठहरने से संबंधित कोई जानकारी सामने नहीं आयी है'। रूसी परिसंघ की राज्य पुरातत्व सेवा ने 4 अगस्त, 1997 को सूचित किया कि 'ऐतिहासिक दस्तावेज संग्रह संरक्षण केन्द्र के पास सुभाष चन्द्र से संबंधित कोई जानकारी नहीं है'।

(घ) से (ङ) ब्रिटेन की सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि 'सुभाष चन्द्र बोस से संबंधित लगभग सभी रेकार्डों, जो 30 से अधिक वर्ष पुराने हैं, को पब्लिक रेकार्ड कार्यालय तथा ब्रिटिश पुस्तकालय को सौंपे दिये गये हैं'। ब्रिटेन की सरकार ने पुनः सूचित किया कि कुछ दस्तावेज जिन्हें रोक लिया गया है वे हैं (1) आसूचना और सुरक्षा अभिकरणों की फाइलों में कुछ कागजात जो भारतीय राजनैतिक आसूचना संगठन संग्रह के लिए बहुत उपयोगी नहीं हैं और (2) भारतीय राजनैतिक आसूचना संगठन का एक दस्तावेज, जिसे व्यक्तिगत संवेदनशीलता के आधार पर रख लिया गया है'।

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No. 1156/JS(E)/2000
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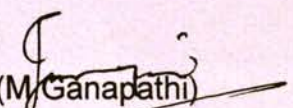
Reference Rajya Sabha Question Dy .No.001467 from Shri Joyanta Roy,
Hon'ble Member of Parliament.

2. The facts pertaining to Part (b) of this question are as follows:

Attempts have been made at the official level to find out from the Russian Government whether there were documents pertaining to Netaji available with them. In response we were informed by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on January 8, 1992 that "according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years". Thereafter, on September 27, 1995, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation informed that "as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents on Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". The State Archive Service of the Russian Federation informed on August 4, 1997 that "the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose".

3. As discussed with Joint Secretary(CNV) today, he may like to take charge of this Question. As further discussed, Part (a) of the Question has a wider sweep.

4. The note from the MHA and the PQ are returned herewith.


(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary (EE)
February 28, 2000
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Joint Secretary (CNV)

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RAJYA SABHA / राज्य सभा
QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER
मौखिक उत्तर के लिए प्रश्न

QUESTION BRANCH
S. Q. Dy. No.
Date 001198

Place / स्थान

Date / दिनांक 9/2/00

FROM / प्रेषक

Joyanta Roy

M.P./संसद सदस्य

To / हेतु में,

The Secretary-General / महासचिव

RAJYA SABHA, NEW DELHI / राज्य सभा, नई दिल्ली।

S. Q. / ADAM, नरेंद्रन/गहोदया,

Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Questions
राज्य सभा कार्य संचालन संबंधी नियमों के नियम, 39 के अंतर्गत, मैं निम्नलिखित प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ जिसका मौखिक
for oral answer on / उत्तर 8th March 2000 को दिया जाये।

Yours Faithfully / भवदीय,

Joyanta Roy
Member / सदस्य

Division No. / विभाजन सं.

Order of Reference / प्राथमिकता क्रम

Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- ① How many files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Azad Hind Govt and I.N.A are yet to be declassified?
- ② Whether Govt has any knowledge about a few files relating to Netaji and I.N.A are kept in the archives of President's Grand and K & B archives of erst-while Soviet Russia?

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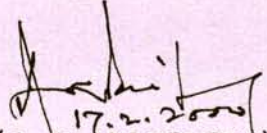
NO. 13013/21/2000-IS(D.III)
GOVT. OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, Dated: 17.2.2000

Subject: Rajya Sabha Notice for Oral Question Dy. No. 001198 dated 9.2.2000 regarding declassification of files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Azad Hind Govt. and INA etc.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of Rajya Sabha Notice No. 001198 dated 9.2.2000 on the subject noted above.

2. As the matter relating to declassification of files regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Azad Hind Govt. and INA and knowledge about the documents kept in the President's and K.G.B. archives of erstwhile Soviet Russia are the concern of Ministry of External Affairs, they may take over the notice for making appropriate reply in the Rajya Sabha if it is admitted. Acceptance of transfer of this Question may kindly be intimated so that Rajya Sabha Sectt. is apprised of the factual position.


17.2.2000
(A.K. PAITANDY)
DIRECTOR (IS-I)

M.E.A. (Shri Jayant Prasad Jt. Secy. (C&V), South Block N. Delhi.

MHA Uo No. 13013/21/2000-IS(D.III) dated 15.2.2000

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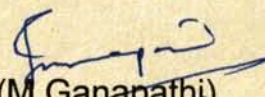
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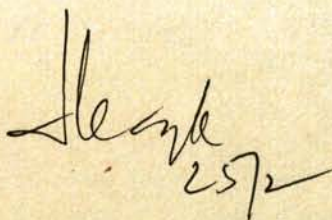
Subject: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1092 regarding
"Research on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose" for answer on
March 1, 2000.

Reference above PQ.

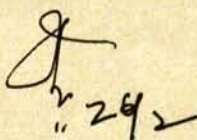
2. Admitted version is at F/A.
3. Draft reply (in triplicate) is at F/B.
4. Reply relating to the United Kingdom has been incorporated on the basis of inputs from High Commission of India, London, received through Joint Secretary(EW).

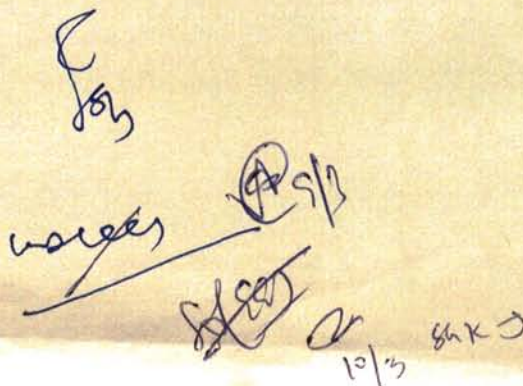

(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary (EE)
February 25, 2000

Foreign Secretary


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External Affairs Minister


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**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION
FOR 01-03-2000**

**Research on Netaji Subhash Chandra
Bose**

**1092. SHRI MOINUL
HASSAN:**

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विदेश मंत्री
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(Parliament Section)

The list of finally admitted questions for the Lok Sabha to be answered on 01-03-2000 is enclosed herewith.

2. The draft answers to Starred Questions in triplicate, typed in double space and Unstarred Questions in triplicate, typed in single space may be submitted directly to MOS/EAM after being approved by the concerned Secretary, by today itself.

3. Starred Question may be put up in red file cover and Unstarred questions in blue file cover.

4. In addition to the typed version of the Questions and Answers, the floppy containing the entire text with enclosures, if any, (but NOT material for Supplementaries etc.,) should also be put up with the file to enable the Parliament Section to transmit the Questions and Answers to Rajya Sabha/Lok Sabha Secretariat by E-mail after these have been answered in Parliament. It may be noted that for each question there should be a separate floppy. More than one question should not be combined in one floppy. Question number and the name of the House should be mentioned on the floppy.

5. While putting up the Question/Answer, text of the Question part in the printed version may be closely compared since it could be slightly different from that of the advance notice received earlier. The File number of the Section/Division may also be indicated to facilitate future reference.

6. The following points may be noted while putting up draft answers:-

- (a) Paragraphs may be numbered of any Statement to be laid on the Table of the House.
- (b) Paragraphs may also be numbered of Note for Supplementaries.
- (c) In presenting draft answers to Starred Questions, sets in triplicate may be made consisting of:

- (i) Question/Answer
- (ii) Statement (if any)
- (iii) Note for Supplementaries
- (iv) Anticipated Questions & their Answers

7. In case of Starred Questions, it may be ensured that 12 copies of Note for Supplementaries and anticipated Questions and Answers reach Parliament Section by 1100 hrs. on 28-02-2000 for timely preparation of brief folders for MOS/EAM Secretaries and other Officers.

(Signature)
(R.D.S. SROHAI)
SECTION OFFICER (PARLIAMENT)
25-02-2000

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THE LIST OF FINALLY ADMITTED QUESTIONS FOR LOK SABHA TO BE
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01.	2382	82	II	Declaring Pakistan as a Terrorist State	IP	JS(IPA)
02.	2388	83 OIH	III	Citizens of Indian Origin in Thailand		JS(S)
03.	2391	85	V	C.T.B.T. Issue	DISA	JS(DISA)
04.	2428	91 OIH	XI	Arrested Indian Computer Programmers	AMS	JS(AMS)
05.	2434	92	XII	Pak's Involvement in Hijacking of Indian Plane	IPA	JS(IPA)
06.	2438	93	XIII	Sale Fake Passports & Visas	CPV	JS(CPV)
07.	2443	94	XIV	Fisherman in Pak jail	IPA	JS(IPA)
08.	2465	98	XVIII	Pak's Nuclear Threat to India	DISA	JS(DISA)

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

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01.	464	897	Immigration Law By Germany	EW	JS(EW)
02.	71	911	Haj Pilgrims	Gulf	JS(GD)
03.	81	912	Prisoners of War in the Jails	IPA	JS(IPA)
04.	2348	922 OIH	Inhuman Treatment to Prisoners	IPA	JS(IPA)
05.	1892	926	Trail Against Hijackers	IPA	JS(IPA)

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06.	2475 928	Global Terrorism	AMS	JS (AMS)
07.	2514 931 OIH	Weapons with Hijackers at Kandhar Airport	IPA	JS (IPA)
08.	2566 936	Foreign Policy on Hijacking of IA IC-814 Plane	IPA	JS (IPA)
09.	2663 943	Behaviour of Taliban Authori- ties on Hijacking Issue	IPA	JS (IPA)
10.	2664 944	Visit of UK Army Chief to Pakistan	EW	JS (EW)
11.	2688 946 OIH	Change of Chiness attitude against INDIA	EA	JS (EA)
12.	2758 950	Tatkal Passport Scheme	CPV	JS (CPV)
13.	2779 952	CTBT Signatories Countries	DISA	JS (DISA)
14.	2317 956 OIH	Implementation of Recommen- dation of Sixth World Hindi Conference	Hindi	JS (AD)
15.	2833 957	Issue of Passport from Bareilly Passport Office	CPV	JS (CPV)
16.	2896 958	Passport under Tatkal Scheme	CPV	JS (CPV)
17.	2920 961	Relation with Pakistan	IPA	JS (IPA)
18.	2937 963	ISI Activities from Nepal and Bangladesh	IPA	JS (IPA)
19.	2978 967	Hijacking of IC-814	AMS	JS (AMS)
20.	3024 972	Exchange of Enclaves between India and Bangladesh	BSM	JS (BSM)
21.	3089 976	Recognition to India as a Nuclear Power	DISA	JS (DISA)
22.	4699 982	Visit of Indonesia Delegation Southern		JS (S)

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23.	2720 983	CTBT	DISA	JS (DISA)
24.	402 989 OIH	Selection of Haj Pilgrims	Gulf	JS (GD)
25.	2641 990	Fake Currency Racket in Nepal North		JS (N)
26.	441 991 OIH	Change in Foreign Policy in view of Hijacking of IA Plane	Coord	JS (COORD)
27.	477 995	Combat Terrorism	Coord	JS (Coord)
28.	23 999	Foreign Ministers Visit to Moscow	AMS	JS (EE)
29.	74 1000	Srilankan Coast Guards Attacks on Indian Fishermen	BSM	JS (BSM)
30.	1741 1003	Prior knowledge of I.A. Plane Hijack	IPA	JS (IPA)
31.	1857 1004	Issue of Passports of Hijackers of I.A. Plane	CPV	JS (CPV)
32.	2427 1010 OIH	UK Visa Bond Proposal	EW	JS (EW)
33.	2435 1011	Discussion on Karmapa Issue	EA	JS (EA)
34.	2462 1013	Cross Border Terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir	IPA	JS (IPA)
35.	2487 1016	Torture of Staff Member of Indian High Commission	IPA	JS (IPA)
36.	2526 1020	Talks Between Indo-China on Outstanding Issue	EA	JS (EA)
37.	2541 1022	Meeting of Joint Working Group on Border Management	North	JS (N)
38.	2621 1028	Investigation of Hijacking issue of IA IC-814 Plane	IPA	JS (IPA)
39.	2786 1033	Pressure on Hijackers	IPA	JS (IPA)

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40.	2824 1036 OIH	Selection of Representatives on World Hindi Conference	Hindi	JS (AD)
41.	2901 1038	Diplomatic Relations with Afghanistan after Hijacking Plane	IPA	JS (IPA)
42.	2907 1039	Security Cover to Karmapa Lama	EA	JS (EA)
43.	2966 1043	Relations with Singapore	Southern	JS (S)
44.	3060 1050	Karmapa Origin	EA	JS (EA)
45.	3208 1056	Sanctions Linked with CTBT/ Nuclear Test by U.S.	DISA	JS (DISA)
46.	3839 1057	Bilateral Relations between India and U.S.	AMS	JS (AMS)
47.	2384 1066	Visit of US President	AMS	JS (AMS)
48.	2395 1067 OIH	Production of Chemical Weapons by Pakistan	DISA	JS (DISA)
49.	2429 1070 OIH	Lifting of Economic Sanction by US	AMS	JS (AMS)
50.	2463 1073	Extradition Issue of Omar Saeed Sheikh taken up with UK Government	IPA	JS (IPA)
51.	2529 1078	Fake Currency Racket	IPA	JS (IPA)
52.	2529 1079	Talk with U.S. Deputy Secretary of State	AMS	JS (AMS)
53.	2559 1080	Bring the Ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from Japan	EA	JS (EA)
54.	3154 1086 OIH	Relation Between India and USA	AMS	JS (AMS)
55.	2385 1092	Research on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose	EE	JS (EE)

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56.	2466 1097	ISI's Anti-India Activities from Nepal	North	JS(N)
57.	2555 1100	Attack on Line of Control by Pakistan	IPA	JS(IPA)
58.	3080 1102	Bilateral Cooperation	EA	JS(EA)
59.	2801-A 1105 OIH	India's Stand on CTBT	DISA	JS(DISA)
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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/03/2000

RESEARCH ON NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

1092. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

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PRIORITY QUESTION FOR THE LOK SABHA

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Q. No. 2385

Ministry to which the
day has been allotted : EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The question will be put down for the
sitting on the :

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RESEARCH BY SCHOLARS ON NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

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Your fax of date to DHC regarding Lok Sabha Provisional Starred Question Diary No. 2385 regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for answer on 1st March, 2000.

Our inputs are as follows for parts c, d & e:

(c) As per the information available from the Records and Historical Division of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office virtually all British records relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, are in the public domain at the Public Records Office or at the British Library. (A note received from the FCO in this regard is enclosed). You will note that 751 files and volumes relating to the period 1913-1947 were put into the public domain in the British Library in August 1997. The only papers which are still not in the public domain are:

- a few papers in the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies which do not add to the substantive account in the IPI Office collection. These Intelligence records are withheld from release with the approval of the Lord Chancellor, in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Public Records Acts;

-one paper from the IPI collection which is retained on grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

(d) & (e) We are not aware of any request by the Government to the UK Government to have such papers put in the public domain.

Warm regards,

P. Kapoor

(Pavan Kapoor)

BRITISH RECORDS ON SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

1. Virtually all British records relating to Subhas Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library.

/ 2. Public Record Office: See attached list for 1945-47.

/ 3. British Library: See attached note. This is a collection of 1913-1947 files of the Indian Political Intelligence organisation (IPI) in the series L/P & J/12 Public and Judicial Department (Separate). Released August 1997.

3. The only papers which remain closed are:

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Records and Historical Department
18 February 2000

**ENTRIES IN THE PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE ON SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE
1945-1947**

WO 203/515	Apr 1945	Japanese-Indian Forces Command: guide to activities
"	516 Aug 1945	Japanese-Indian Forces Command: supplementary guide to Indian National Army in Malaya
"	2298 Aug 1945	Malaya: disposal, status, brief history of Indian National Army
"	4673 Aug-Dec 1945	Indian National Army
WO 208/804A	Nov 42- NOV 45	Indian traitors, fifth columnists trained by Japanese: Indian Independent League: Indian National Army: survey of various organisations employed by Japanese for espionage, sabotage, propaganda: reports on activities: British counter measures
WO 208/3812	1942-7	Subhas Chandra Bose: activities and death
FO 371/56774	1946	Indian-Soviet relations (N277/136/38: press article).

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L/P&J/12**PUBLIC AND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT (SEPARATE)
FILES, 1913 - 1947**

751 files and volumes

The Public and Judicial (Separate) P&J(S) or POL(S) series of the former India Office comprise the files of the Indian Political Intelligence organisation (I P I). I P I was a shadowy and formerly non-avowed organisation, within the Public and Judicial Department of the India Office in London, devoted to the internal and external security of British India.

In consequence of the development of Indian anarchist activities in England in 1909, the India Office suggested (after consultation with Scotland Yard and the Government of India) that an officer of the Indian Police should be placed on deputation in England. The organisation he headed was first called the Indian Political Intelligence Office, but the name finally decided on for this organisation in 1921 was Indian Political Intelligence or 'I P I'.

Major John Arnold Wallinger, a senior Indian Police officer was deputed to England in 1910 'for the purpose of observations upon Indian revolutionaries and criminals (connected with India) of all nationalities'. This activity increased during the First World War. In view of war conditions, Wallinger was provided with an assistant, Philip C Vickery, Indian Police, in 1915, whose duty was to 'watch anti-British conspiracies in England and Europe, so far as they affect Indian interests' and Indian conspirators attempting to attack the British government of India. During the First World War the information collected with regard to German efforts to create dissatisfaction among Indians in Europe became of great value to the War Office and Vickery worked in close co-ordination with Military Intelligence in Europe to 1919 and also in the United States, returning to duty in India in 1923.

Other senior officers deputed from the Indian Police intelligence division to I P I included Paul Biggame, 1922 to 1923; Charles Augustus Tegart 1918 to 1923 and John Hunter Adam, 1923. John Wallinger retired in April 1926 and was succeeded by Vickery as head of I P I in October 1926. Vickery remained I P I chief until the organisation was closed in August 1947 and transferred to T G Sanjevi Pillai, Director Intelligence Bureau, Government of India. In 1950 the remains of I P I's organisation became known as the OS4 branch of the Security Service (MI.5).

After the 1935 Government of India Act, I P I became a subsidiary of the Intelligence Bureau, although in practice it was autonomous. I P I was run jointly by the India Office and the Government of India. UK, Europe and American operations were run by I P I in London. Indian operations were run by the Director of the Intelligence Bureau, Home Department, Government of India or D I B, (also known in India as the Secret Service). A Central Intelligence Officer in each province of India (usually seconded from the local police force) received information by close liaison with the Provincial Intelligence Branches and from sources run within the provinces and other informal sources.

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L/P&J/12 PUBLIC AND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT (SEPARATE) FILES

I P I reported to the Secretary of the Public and Judicial Department of the India Office, the Director, Criminal Intelligence India and maintained close contact with Scotland Yard and MI.5. I P I shared accommodation with MI.5 from 1924. When this was bombed in 1940 the organisation moved with MI.5 to Oxford, returning to London in 1945.

From the early days of the existence of I P I, the security aspects of its files and papers necessitated their being kept separate from the routine papers controlled by the Public and Judicial Department's registry and filing systems. A separate system of numbering and registration was maintained within the P&J Department. From 1924 the Separate files were registered in annual file cycles. The registry system order has been respected in the listing below as far as possible. Some unregistered files and items kept by the organisation have been placed at the end of the list. The original P&J(S) registers have been retained by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

The files were a catch-all for India Office political intelligence data, including correspondence with the Director of the Intelligence Bureau in India (D I B), on intelligence matters about pre-Independence India. They include much material originating with the Security Service (MI.5) and the Secret Intelligence Service (S I S or MI.6) and Scotland Yard's Special Branch. The files contain intelligence data on communism and other Indian political or revolutionary movements (notably the Communist Party) in India between 1916 to 1947; surveillance of Indian revolutionaries abroad and British and foreign sympathisers; proscription of certain publications; censorship of mails; notes and reports on personalities, intercepted letters and passport controls. According to one I P I officer these records differ little from records maintained by MI.5 and MI.6. The files expose in detail the existence and operations of a secret intelligence organisation operating both in Europe and the USA. I P I was also the India/Burma section of MI.5, and it was the only Imperial or Dominion intelligence agency which was permitted to operate out of London.

In the 1960s the Commonwealth Relations Office registered all P&J(S) files as records to be retained for more than thirty years under Section 3(4) of the Public Records Act 1958 on the understanding that the files were to be retained for a hundred years or until a further review was undertaken. From 1977 some files were released and remained open to the public until 1981. In April 1981 the files (with the exception of the local government fortnightly reports on the political situation) were removed from the India Office Library and Records to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for review and vetting. Working under the guidelines of the 'Open Government' initiative of the 1990s, the Sensitivity Review Unit of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office returned a large number of the files to the India Office Records in December 1996. The archive is so far unique - the only known instance of a British intelligence organisation's archives being opened to the public for research.

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Minister (Political) from Joint Secretary(EE)

Following notice has been received from Rajya Sabha for Oral Question regarding declassification of files relating to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, Azad Hind Government and INA etc.:

- (a) How many files relating to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, Azad Hind Government and INA are yet to be declassified?
- (b) Whether Government has any knowledge about a few files relating to Netaji and INA has kept in the President's and KGB Archives of erstwhile Soviet Union/Russian Federation?

2. Grateful your inputs regarding (b) above by return fax.

(M. Ganapathi)
Joint Secretary(EE)
February 21, 2000

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Date: February 21, 2000

To : Mr. M. Ganapathi, Joint Secretary (EE), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi	FROM : Arun K. Singh Minister (Pol) Embassy of India Moscow
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Reference your fax regarding provisional starred question on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

Enclosed are some additional papers indicating that the Embassy had asked the Russian Government to examine papers on the subject; it has also asked papers to be made available to the Indian Embassy (September 16, 1991); and for relevant material to be transferred to the National Archives of India (May 21, 1990).

Regards.

Arun Singh

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(Unofficial Translation)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and with reference to the Embassy's note No. SA/83/95 dated July 27, 1995, has the honour to state that as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia, and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
27 October 1995

Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

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No SA/83/95

July 27, 1995

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to correspondence resting with their Note Verbale No. 2/YuA of 8 January, 1992, regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Enclosed is a booklet which contends that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose may have come to the former Soviet Union in 1945. There has been further speculation in this context reportedly on the basis of archival materials. In view of this, it would be highly appreciated if all materials available on the subject could be examined for a final determination on whether or not Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose entered or stayed anywhere in the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 or subsequently.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation
(South Asia Department)
Moscow

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(rough translation)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Russian Federation

No. 2/YuA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of Republic of India and with reference to the Embassy's Note dated 16 September 1991, has the honour to inform that according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of the former President of Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in the Soviet Union in 1945 and thereafter.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
8 January 1992

Embassy of the
Republic of India
Moscow

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भारत का दूतावास, मास्को
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September 16 1991

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and has the honour to enclose herewith a collection of documents on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, at one time a President of the Indian National Congress and a leading figure in the Indian freedom movement, received from Mr. Chitta Basu, Member of Parliament and General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc, a group founded by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and at present a constituent of the Left Front Government in the Indian state of West Bengal.

2. In these documents there are suggestions quoting the then Soviet Ambassador in Kabul and the Soviet Vice Consul in Teheran to the effect that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose might have found his way to the Soviet Union after the alleged aeroplane crash in August 1945. As recently as March 5 1990, The Hindustan Times, an Indian daily newspaper, quoted a scholar of the Soviet Institute of Oriental Studies to the effect that there are two Soviet scholars who have applied to the Government of the USSR for permission to examine classified documents.

3. In the light of the current policy on Soviet national archives the Embassy of India would appreciate if any material that sheds light on the fate of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the archives of Soviet organisations, including security organisations, is made available to the Embassy of India.

4. The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Government of USSR,
Moscow.

Encl. as above.

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No. SA/ 53/90

May 21, 1990

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of USSR and has the honour to forward copy of a news report published in the Hindustan Times of 5 March 1990 to the effect that the Soviet Government possesses certain documents which may shed new light on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The Embassy also has the honour to state that this issue was raised in the Indian Parliament with an Honourable Member of Parliament wishing to ascertain the details in this regard and the reaction of the Government of India.

The Embassy would be grateful if the possibility of the relevant material relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose being transferred to the National Archives of India could kindly be explored by the Government of USSR. It may be mentioned that the National Archives of India already have a sizeable amount of material relating to the Indian leader and its enrichment with the material in the Soviet Archives would be of great value and interest to scholars working in the field.

Alternatively, the possibility of providing Xerox copies of the relevant material to the National Archives of India may kindly be considered.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Government of USSR
Moscow

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FAX MESSAGE

From : Indembassy Moscow
To : Foreign New Delhi

Joint Secretary (EE) from Minister (Political).

Reference your fax message dated 16th February, 2000 regarding Provisional Starred Question on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. Enclosed is a set of papers sent to Director (FE) on 20th November, 1998.

Arun K. Singh
(Arun K. Singh)
Minister (Pol)
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CRASHFAX*Kyc***From : Embassy of India, Moscow****To : Foreign New Delhi****Director (EE) from Counsellor (Pol)**

Enclosed are some papers in connection with access of Asiatic Society to KGB archives.

Regards.

Arun K. Singh
(Arun K. Singh)
Counsellor (Pol)
November 20, 1998

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Arun K. Singh
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No. Mos/Pol/135/150

January 02, 1998

My dear *Ajai*

I enclose with this letter a communication addressed to Shri Jaichandra Singh from the Director of the Centre for Preservation of Historical Documents of the State Archive Service of the Russian Federation.

I would be grateful if the communication along with its translation could be passed on to Shri Jaichandra Singh and a copy kept in your records.

Regards.

Yours sincerely,

Arun K. Singh
(Arun K. Singh)

Shri Ajai Malhotra,
Joint Secretary(EE),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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М-ру Л. Джайчандра Сингх

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Касается: информации о
м-ре Субаш (Субачх)
Чандра Восс.

ДОРОГОЙ СЭР!

Центр хранения историко-документальных коллекций. К сожалению,
не располагает никакой информацией о м-ре СУБАЧХ ЧАНДРА ВОССЕ.

С уважением,

Директор Центра

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The State Archive Service
Russian Federation
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1252/2, Moscow
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Tel: 159-7383

04.08.1997 No. 175

To

Mr. L. Jaichandra Singh
Prajatantra Building
Imphal, Manipur. (India)

Dear Sir,

The Centre for Preservation of Historical Documental Collection, unfortunately, does not have any information on Subhash Chandra Bose.

Sd/-
M.M. Muhammedzhanov
Director of the Centre

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DOCUMENTATION RELATING TO
NETAJI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE

Shri Chitta Basu, MP had written to later PM Shri Rajiv Gandhi in April 1987 about presence of Archival material in Czech Academy of Sciences. In 1988, he wrote to President Gorbachev.

2. On March 5, 1990, Hindustan Times quoted Dr. Yurlova, a scholar at the Institute of Oriental Studies mentioning that Soviet scholars in possession of documents on Netaji. On April 9, 1990 in response to a PQ, an assurance was given that "efforts will be made to obtain either the original papers or their copies so that they could be studied". Shri Samar Guha, MP, further took up the matter with EAM in May 1990.

3. On May 21, 1990, the Embassy wrote to the MFA of the USSR requesting to explore the possibility of relevant materials, or copies of it, on Netaji being transferred to the National Archives in New Delhi. On August 17, 1990 the Soviet Foreign Office conveyed certain materials on Netaji available in Soviet Archives. Those materials, however, did not shed any further light on Netaji's fate or his sojourn in the USSR.

4. In December 1990, the Embassy sent a message to MEA in answer to a PQ that the material which had been received by the Embassy from the Soviet Foreign Office did not refer at all to the possibility of Netaji having taken shelter in the USSR after the Second World War. The Embassy subsequently received some material from the Soviet Foreign Office and these were forwarded to the Ministry in May 1991. The documents "threw no additional light on the fate of Netaji or his possible presence in the Soviet Union after his disappearance in 1945".

5. On September 16, 1991, the Embassy wrote to the Soviet Foreign Office enclosing a collection of documents on Netaji received from Shri Chitta Basu, MP. These documents contained suggestions quoting Soviet Diplomats to the effect that Netaji might have found his way to the Soviet Union after the alleged plane crash in 1945. Our note sought "any material available in the archives of Soviet Organisations, including security organisation, which could shed light on the fate of Netaji".

6. In its reply dated January 8, 1992 the Russian MFA stated that "as per data available in the central and republic archives, there was

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no information about the stay of the former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and subsequent years".

7. In November 1992, Shri Samar Guha, MP wrote to MEA and FS asked the Embassy to see whether more information could be obtained from the Russian side, the matter was taken up with the Russian authorities. FS however wrote to Shri Guha that "our own enquiries with the Russians, pursuant to your suggestions, indicate that they themselves accept that Netaji died in the plane crash in 1945". However, based on FS's advise, the Mission took up the matter with the Russian Foreign Office on January 10, 1993.

8. In Autumn 1993, the monthly journal "Asia and Africa Today" carried three articles on Netaji ostensibly drawing on KGB archival material. Inter alia, the article concluded with a "certificate" dated December 25, 1945 from the KGB archives signed by a NKVD functionary mentioning that "after the Japanese capitulation in the first half of September 1945, Tass, quoting British sources informed from Tokyo that Subash Chandra Bose, staying in Japan has died".

9. On July 27, 1995, the Embassy forwarded Shri Samar Guha's monogram "country must know what happened to Netaji". The note mentioned that there had been further speculation on Netaji's visit to the former Soviet Union in 1945 and requested that "all materials available on this subject be examined for a final determination on whether or not Netaji Subash Chandra Bose entered or stayed anywhere in the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 or subsequently".

10. "The Pioneer" of September 14, 1995 quoted Dr. Purabi Roy, Dr. Hari Vasudevan and Dr. Sobhanlal Dutta Gupta on their visit as a part of the Asiatic Society delegation and stating that request would be made for scholars to collect more information "Indian leaders". They specifically referred to "hitherto unknown facts about Netaji". "The Indian Express" on September 19, 1995 also carried a report "Government apathy leaves Netaji's fate buried in Moscow's files". These scholars mentioned "utmost difficulties" in gaining access to materials and also talked of "restrictions" imposed on them by a section of Embassy officials.

11. The MFA wrote to us on September 27, 1995 saying that their investigation with the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History showed that "no information

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whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years". In forwarding the letter Ambassador Kotov categorically asserted that "we can be sure that Netaji has never set foot on Russian soil" and that "extensive research can hardly leave any doubts" in this regard.

12. "The Hindustan Times" of October 22, 1995 mentioned "Pranab's mission revives Netaji's death row". The same paper on Decemver 10, 1995 mentioned Shri Chitta Basu, MP demanding a "fresh probe" into Netaji's death.

13. On March 27, 1996 MEA had forwarded PMO's letter of March 3, 1996 enclosing a letter from Shri Pradip Bose asking that Russian Government files on Netaji be "opened up". MEA had asked us to make discreet enquiries.

14. While accompanying the Hon'ble Speaker to Moscow, Shri Chita Basu, MP had brought up the subject of Netaji with members of the Institute of Oriental Studies. The Hon'ble MP wanted a clear statement from the Russian side regarding Netaji's death. Prof. Mitrokhin informed Shri Basu that FM Primakov, as the then Director of the Institute, had himself made an effort to find out the correct position on Netaji's stay in Russia. Prof. Mitrokhin also mentioned that certain documents regarding Netaji's arrival and transit through Russia from Afghanistan, on his way to Germany were available. He had, however, added that it would be necessary for him to go to Irkutsk Region to find additional details if available on the subject on Netaji's death in Russia. He hoped that he would be able to make the trip to the region.

15. On his return to India, Shri Basu wrote to Ambassador vide his letter dated October 26, 1996, mentioning about the meeting and requesting the Embassy to take up the question of the "mystery of Netaji's disappearance" further with the Russian Government and with the Archives.

16. On December 4, Members in the Lok Sabha demanded a "fresh probe into the mysterious disappearance of Netaji". Congress MP Ms. Mamta Banerjee is supposed to have pointed to newspaper reports from Moscow that Netaji might be alive and asked the Government to find out his whereabouts. Ms. Banerjee was supported by other MPs.

17. OSD (EE) had faxed a Hindustan Times report of December 3, 1996 regarding a letter from one Mr. Joychandra Singh of Imphal

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written to Col. Brilev, the Chief of the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence seeking assistance in his research on the death of Netaji and "whether the Soviet Army had arrested him at Taipei". Mr. Singh had also asked whether Netaji had died in the plane crash. In his response of October 15, 1996, Col. Brilev informed Mr. Singh that "no records existed in the Central Archives of the Ministry of Defence on the circumstances surrounding the death in August 1945 of Netaji".

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भारत का दूतावास, मास्को
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September 16 1991

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR and has the honour to enclose herewith a collection of documents on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, at one time a President of the Indian National Congress and a leading figure in the Indian freedom movement, received from Mr. Chitta Basu, Member of Parliament and General Secretary, All India Forward Bloc, a group founded by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and at present a constituent of the Left Front Government in the Indian state of West Bengal.

2. In these documents there are suggestions quoting the then Soviet Ambassador in Kabul and the Soviet Vice Consul in Teheran to the effect that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose might have found his way to the Soviet Union after the alleged aeroplane crash in August 1945. As recently as March 5 1990, The Hindustan Times, an Indian daily newspaper, quoted a scholar of the Soviet Institute of Oriental Studies to the effect that there are two Soviet scholars who have applied to the Government of the USSR for permission to examine classified documents.

3. In the light of the current policy on Soviet national archives the Embassy of India would appreciate if any material that sheds light on the fate of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the archives of Soviet organisations, including security organisations, is made available to the Embassy of India.

4. The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Government of USSR,
Moscow.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Russian Federation

No. 2/YuA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of Republic of India and with reference to the Embassy's Note dated 16 September 1991, has the honour to inform that according to the data in the Central and Republican Archives, no information whatsoever is available on the stay of the former President of Indian National Congress, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, in the Soviet Union in 1945 and thereafter.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
8 January 1992

Embassy of the
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Moscow

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No SA/83/95

July 27, 1995

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honour to refer to correspondence resting with their Note Verbale No. 2/YuA of 8 January, 1992, regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Enclosed is a booklet which contends that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose may have come to the former Soviet Union in 1945. There has been further speculation in this context reportedly on the basis of archival materials. In view of this, it would be highly appreciated if all materials available on the subject could be examined for a final determination on whether or not Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose entered or stayed anywhere in the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 or subsequently.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation the assurances of its highest consideration.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation
(South Asia Department)
Moscow

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Vide his letter No. MOS/AMB/979/95 dated July 27, 1995, Ambassador had informed you that he had taken up with the Foreign Office the question of examination of all materials to finally determine whether Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had entered or stayed in the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years. We have now been informed by the Foreign Office vide their note No. 73/YuA dated October 27, 1995 that after thorough investigations of all concerned records, there is no information whatsoever of Netaji having stayed on the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years. The letter from Ambassador Kotov forwarding the note categorically asserts that "we can be sure that Netaji has never set foot on Russian soil" and that "extensive research can hardly leave any doubts" in this regard. A copy of Ambassador Kotov's letter and the Foreign Office note are enclosed.

2. I would like you to please bring this to the attention of Foreign Secretary and EAM.

Yours sincerely

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(Pripuran Singh Haer)

Shri R.L. Narayan
Joint Secretary (EE)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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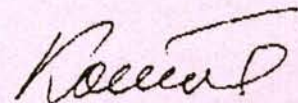
H.E. Mr. Ronen Sen
Ambassador of India
to the Russian Federation

Dear Ronen,

Enclosed You will find our note concerning Subhash Chandra Bose. Do believe that we have tried our best to discover any relevant facts.

Unfortunately, I am profoundly distressed being unable to provide any positive information on the subject of not the least importance for the Indian public. Alas, by now it appears that we can be sure that Netaji has never set foot on the Russian soil. Extensive research carried out upon the latest request of Yours can hardly leave any doubts to this effect.

Sincerely Yours,



Yu. Kotov

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Russian Federation

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of India in Moscow and with reference to the Embassy's note No. SA/83/95 dated July 27, 1995, has the honour to state that as a result of the investigations carried out at the Central Archival Collection of the Federal Security Service of Russia, and the Russian Centre for Retention and Perusal of Documents of Modern History, no information whatsoever has come to light on the stay of Subhash Chandra Bose on the territory of the former USSR in 1945 and in subsequent years.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.

Moscow
27 October 1995

Embassy of the Republic of India
Moscow

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ARCHIVES OF KGB AND KREMLIN HAVE DOCUMENTS ON NETAJI ARCHIVES

CALCUTTA, SEPT 13 (PTI): SEVERAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INDIA'S PROMINENT LEADER DURING THE FREEDOM MOVEMENT NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE AND HIS MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE ARE STILL LYING IN THE INACCESSIBLE ARCHIVES OF THE DISBANDED KGB AND IN THE OFFICIAL ARCHIVE OF THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT IN THE KREMLIN.

SPECIAL PERMISSION OF THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT IS REQUIRED TO SCRUTINIZE THEM AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT EXAMINATION OF THESE DOCUMENTS MAY EVENTUALLY UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY BEHIND BOSE'S DISAPPEARANCE AT THE END OF THE WORLD WAR-II, ACCORDING TO THREE SCHOLARS OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY WHO RECENTLY VISITED SOME OF THE 10 ARCHIVES IN MOSCOW UNDER AN INDO-RUSSIAN CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

DR. PURABI ROY (JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY), DR. HARI VASUDEVAN AND DR. SOBHANLAL DUTTA GUPTA (BOTH OF CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY) VISITED MOSCOW AS SCHOLARS OF THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, AS PART OF THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN ASIATIC SOCIETY AND THE INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES, MOSCOW, TO COMPILE ACCESSIBLE MATERIALS PERTAINING TO INDO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS BETWEEN 1917 AND 1947.

THE SCHOLARS TOLD NEWSMEN HERE THAT THEY FACED 'UTMOST' DIFFICULTIES IN STUDYING THE AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS IN THE ARCHIVES OF THE ERSTWHILE COMINTERN, CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SOVIET UNION (CPSU), RUSSIAN FEDERATION, RUSSIAN STATE ARCHIVE OF ECONOMY, ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ARCHIVES OF ARMY HISTORY AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

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BOSE, WHO WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE INDIAN NATIONAL ARMY, WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED IN A PLANE CRASH IN THE SOUTH EAST ASIA IN 1944.

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ASIATIC SOCIETY'S GENERAL SECRETARY, DR. CHANDAN ROYCHOWDHURY, SAID INDIAN PRIME MINISTER P.V. NARASIMHA RAO WOULD BE REQUESTED TO SEEK HELP FROM THE RUSSIAN PRESIDENT TO ALLOW INDIAN SCHOLARS TO HAVE

ACCESS TO HIS ARCHIVE IN THE KREMLIN AND ALSO IN THE KGB'S ARCHIVE IN MOSCOW FOR COLLECTING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT INDIAN LEADERS.

THE SCHOLARS, WHO SPENT ABOUT 6,000 U.S. DOLLARS FOR HAVING ACCESS TO THE ARCHIVES IN MOSCOW, REGRETTED THAT IN MOST CASES, THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO STUDY THE REQUIRED FILES AND DOCUMENTS. THE PROBLEMS WERE FURTHER ACCENTUATED DUE TO 'RESTRICTION' IMPOSED BY A SECTION OF OFFICIALS OF THE INDIAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. THEY SAID.

ON THE REVEALING FACTS ABOUT SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, THEY SAID DOCUMENTS AT THE ARCHIVES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION INDICATED THAT A RUSSIAN AGENT, V.G. SAYADYANT, WHO WAS ALLOWED TO FUNCTION IN INDIA BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, CARRIED A LETTER FROM PUNDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, ANOTHER INDIAN INDEPENDENCE LEADER AND THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER, IN AUGUST, 1946, TO MOSCOW ON WAY TO TEHRAN "WHICH HAD A MENTION ABOUT BOSE BEING ALIVE".

MOREOVER, THE SCHOLARS QUOTED AN ARTICLE OF V. TURADZEV, A SUB-EDITOR OF 'ASIA AND AFRICA TODAY', FOUND AMONG THE ARCHIVAL MATERIALS, TO SAY THAT THE RUSSIAN AGENT SOUGHT TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TO MOSCOW IN SEPTEMBER, 1946, THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT MIGHT HAVE TO CONTACT "FORWARD BLOC AS ONE OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN INDIA AND ITS LEADER SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE". THESE REFERENCES POINTED TO BOSE BEING ALIVE EVEN IN 1946, THE SCHOLARS SAID. (MORE) PTI PB MPV

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DR. PURABI ROY, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF JADAVPUR UNIVERSITY IN THE WEST BENGAL STATE, SAID THEY ALSO CAME TO KNOW THAT A TASS CORRESPONDENT HAD COLLECTED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT BOSE IN 1992. WHO QUESTIONED THE STUNNING SILENCE BEING MAINTAINED BY BOTH DELHI AND MOSCOW ABOUT BOSE'S WHEREABOUTS.

IT WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS THAT THE 'PRAVDA', IN ITS 1946 EDITORIAL, BROUGHT OUT THE FIRST-EVER SENSATIONAL STORY ABOUT NETAJI, THEY SAID, ADDING THAT THERE WAS NO FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE NEWS ITEM.

BESIDES, THERE WERE REFERENCE TO BOSE'S WHEREABOUTS IN THE COMMUNICATION MADE BY THE FORMER SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN JACOB MALIK IN THE DOCUMENTS 'WE COLLECTED IN THE ARCHIVES IN MOSCOW', THE SCHOLARS SAID.

ALLEGING THAT THE INDIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH THE DOCUMENTS, THEY SAID MOST OF THE ARCHIVAL MATERIALS HAD BEEN 'SOLD OUT' BY THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT TO THE SUPER POWERS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE, SOON AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION. MOST OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE ARCHIVES HAD LEFT RUSSIA AND TAKEN SHELTER IN THE U.S., THEY SAID.

ALL THE THREE SCHOLARS WERE OF THE VIEW THAT THE 'HAPHAZARD' SERIALS OF THE ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS AND 'LIMITED' TIME TO GO THROUGH HAD POSED 'SERIOUS PROBLEMS' TO THEM. 'WE ARE AFRAID THAT VITAL DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INDIA MIGHT HAVE ALREADY GONE OUT OF RUSSIA SINCE MANY FILED WERE FOUND MISSING', DR. VASUDEVAN SAID. PTI PB MPV

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1092
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/03/2000

RESEARCH ON NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

1092. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN:

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- (a) whether the Government have requested the Russian Government to open the archives to Indian scholars researching on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose;
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- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

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(c), (d) & (e) The British Government have informed that "virtually all British records relating to Subhash Chandra Bose, which are more than 30 years old, have been released at the Public Record Office and at the British Library". The British Government have further informed that "the only papers which remain closed are: (i) a few papers in the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies that do not add to the substantive account in the Indian Political Intelligence organisation collection; and (ii) one paper from the Indian Political Intelligence organisation collection which is retained on grounds of continuing personal sensitivity".

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श्री मोइनुल, हसन:

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या सरकार ने रूस की सरकार से उसके अभिलेखागार को नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस पर शोध-कार्य कर रहे भारतीयों के लिए खोलने का आग्रह किया है;
- (ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार को इस संबंध में रूस की सरकार से कोई उत्तर मिला है;
- (ग) क्या ब्रिटिश सरकार के पास मौजूद नेताजी से संबंधित कुछ दस्तावेजों को इन शोधकर्ताओं को देने से अब भी मना किया जा रहा है;
- (घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने संबंधित प्राधिकारियों से इन दस्तावेजों को उन व्यक्तियों को दिखाने के लिए बातचीत की जो उन्हें देखना चाहेंगे; और
- (ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

उत्तर

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(क) और (ख) सरकारी स्तर पर रूसी सरकार के साथ यह पता लगाने के प्रयास किये गये हैं कि क्या नेताजी से संबंधित कुछ दस्तावेज उनके पास हैं; प्रत्युत्तर में 8 जनवरी, 1992 को रूस के विदेश मंत्रालय ने हमें सूचित किया कि 'सेन्ट्रल और रिपब्लिकन अभिलेखागार के डेटा के अनुसार भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कांग्रेस के भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के 1945 और बाद के वर्षों में यहाँ ठहरने से संबंधित कोई जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है'। तत्पश्चात 27 सितम्बर, 1995 को रूसी परिसंघ के विदेश मंत्रालय ने सूचित किया कि रूसी संघीय सुरक्षा सेवा की केन्द्रीय पुरातत्व संग्रहण तथा आधुनिक इतिहास से संबंधित रिटेंशन एण्ड पर्सुअल ऑफ डॉकुमेन्ट्स द्वारा की गयी जांच के परिणामस्वरूप 1945 में और बाद के वर्षों में भूतपूर्व यू एस एस आर के क्षेत्र में सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के ठहरने से संबंधित कोई जानकारी सामने नहीं आयी है'। रूसी परिसंघ की राज्य पुरातत्व सेवा ने 4 अगस्त, 1997 को सूचित किया कि 'ऐतिहासिक दस्तावेज संग्रह संरक्षण केन्द्र के पास सुभाष चन्द्र से संबंधित कोई जानकारी नहीं है'।

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